

Be a S.M.A.R.T.* Commuter

*Save Money And Ride Together

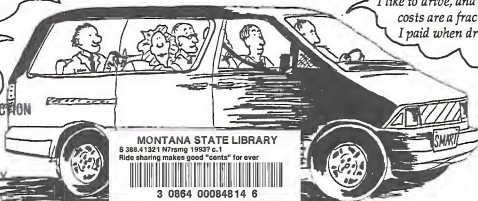
Car pooling saves me money and I can relax on the way to work.

By not having to drive I can read my book or just enjoy the scenery.

Leaving my car at home more saves wear and tear on my car.

I hate driving alone and there's no other form of public transportation in our community.

I like to drive, and my commuting costs are a fraction of what I paid when driving alone.



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Helena Area Average Annual Commuting Costs Per Person

| DAILY ROUND TRIP MILES | DRIVING ALONE | CAR POOL | CAR POOL |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | W/ ONE OTHER PERSON | W/ TWO OTHER PEOPLE |
| 20 | \$580 | \$290 | \$193 |
| 30 | \$870 | \$435 | \$290 |
| 40 | \$1,160 | \$580 | \$387 |
| 50 | \$1,450 | \$725 | \$483 |

These mileage costs are based on 1992 Helena, Montana average costs of driving of 12 cents a mile for fuel, oil, and maintenance; we did not include costs for purchase, depreciation, property taxes, or insurance. We estimated the car pool would operate 48 weeks a year to allow for holidays, vacations, and illness.

A good place to begin is by asking co-workers or neighbors if they want to share the benefits of ride sharing with you.

Another hint is to keep the car pool process simple by changing drivers weekly or monthly. Stick with it, and soon everyone will begin seeing a real payoff in sharing a ride to work.

See the other side of this sheet for more suggestions on how to get started sharing rides and saving money.

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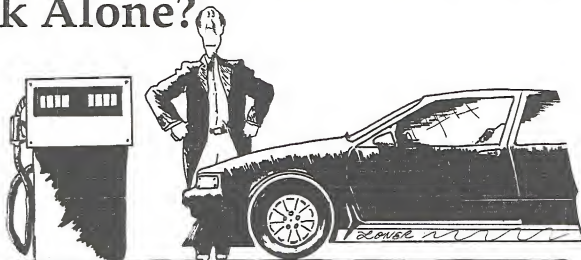
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Can You Really Afford to Drive to Work Alone?



Cut Your Commuting Costs in Half

If you share a ride to work with just one other person, you immediately cut your commuting costs in half. You will save even more by sharing a ride with several friends or co-workers. Don't you have better places to spend your money than at the gas pump?

I'd like to ride share, but . . .

"I need a car for errands." Okay, but could you still make ride sharing work for you by driving alone one day a week? You may find you can still do your errands and receive the benefits of ride sharing four days a week.

"It's too inconvenient having to drop everyone off at home in a car pool." Yes, it can be inconvenient, especially when riders in the car pool do not live close to one another. Some car pools solve this problem by meeting at a "park and ride spot." This is simply a place where they begin their ride share to work together. You may find a church lot or similar parking space a good place to meet.



Annual Savings for Car Pooling With Two Other People Over Being Alone

| DAILY ROUND TRIP MILES | CAR POOLING 1 DAY/WEEK | CAR POOLING 2 DAYS/WEEK | CAR POOLING 5 DAYS/WEEK |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 20 | \$77 | \$155 | \$387 |
| 30 | \$116 | \$232 | \$580 |
| 40 | \$155 | \$309 | \$773 |
| 50 | \$193 | \$387 | \$967 |

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